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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July at 122, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (4.7 percent) below the June Index. Producers received higher commodity prices for oranges, asparagus, sweet corn, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for dairy, corn, soybeans, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of

commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and hay offset decreased marketings of dairy, cantaloup, asparagus, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 17 points (16 percent) from July 2003.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary July 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		July 2003 ¹	June 2004 ¹	July 15, 2004	July 2003 ¹	June 2004 ¹	July 15, 2004	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	2.81	3.56	3.45	2.95	3.58	3.36	34	10.00
Corn	Bushel	2.11	2.82	2.45	2.17	2.79	2.42	36	6.74
Oats	Bushel	1.49	1.70	1.50	1.46	1.61	1.50	38	3.93
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.42	4.64	4.00	3.63	4.58	4.07	37	11.00
Soybeans	Bushel	5.81	9.03	8.50	5.82	9.05	8.21	52	15.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	62.00	49.00	51.00	89.00	95.20	90.40		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	62.00	49.00	52.00	92.70	102.00	98.40		
Other, Baled	Ton	60.00	48.00	47.00	77.80	76.90	70.90		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	18.90	17.40	16.70	17.20	20.10	19.10	37	51.90
Hogs	Cwt	45.50	57.80	58.20	42.70	56.60	56.90	54	105.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	45.70	58.00	58.40	43.20	57.10	57.30		
Sows	Cwt	35.20	47.40	50.40	33.10	46.30	49.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	76.70	91.90	88.50	75.80	89.50	87.50	51	170.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	77.70	93.00	89.40	78.90	93.50	91.10		
Cows	Cwt	46.00	56.80	59.60	44.90	53.60	55.90		
Calves	Cwt	110.00	134.00	137.00	102.00	125.00	128.00	56	228.00
Sheep	Cwt	27.20	34.10		29.40	32.10			83.60
Lambs	Cwt	84.00	107.00		89.30	105.00			201.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for July 2004.
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices July 30, 2004.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, June 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	June 2004 Percent of	
		June 2003	May 2004
1,000 lbs			
Total red meats	803,383	95	96
Beef	411,000	111	102
Pork	379,293	82	91
Poultry	1,345,618	98	108
Turkey	591,580	82	104
Chicken	753,097	115	112

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, July 21, 2004.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, June 2004 with Comparisons

Item	2003	2004	2004/2003
<i>Millions Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.7	11.6	99
30 States	312.4	319.4	102
United States	334.8	342.1	102
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	264	259	98
30 States	6,630	6,793	102
United States	7,105	7,273	102
Chickens Hatched, June			
United States			
Egg-type	36.6	38.1	104
Broiler	774.7	785.8	101

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, July 23, 2004.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, June 2004 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	June 2004 Percent of	
		June 2003	May 2004
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	631.0	86	102
Hogs, head	560.6	105	111
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	596.1	90	106
United States			
Cattle, head	2,994.6	92	106
Calves, head	66.4	90	102
Hogs, head	8,504.4	110	112
Sheep & Lambs, head	230.9	101	122
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,928.0	99	109

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, July 23, 2004.

Mink : Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value, United States, 1996-2003

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts Produced	Average Marketing Price	Value of Mink Pelts
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Million Dollars</i>
1996	449	2,783	35.30	98.2
1997	452	2,993	33.10	99.1
1998	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999	398	2,813	33.70	94.8
2000	350	2,666	34.00	90.6
2001	329	2,565	33.50	85.9
2002 ¹	324	2,607	30.60	79.8
2003	307	2,549	40.10	102.2

¹ Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Mink, July 15 2004.

**2002 Census of Agriculture
State & County Profiles**

The State and County profiles are now available on the Internet. Profiles are listed under "Special Reports" @ <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/>

Profiles can also be accessed directly by using the link below:

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/census02/profiles/index.htm>

**Agricultural Land Values: Average Value per Acre,
Nebraska and 48 States, January 1, 2001-2004**

Land Type	2001	2002	2003	2004
<i>Dollars</i>				
Nebraska				
Farm Real Estate	735	760	775	825
Cropland	1,160	1,200	1,210	1,290
Irrigated	1,600	1,630	1,650	1,750
Non-irrigated	930	980	980	1,050
Pasture	240	245	255	275
48 States				
Farm Real Estate	1,150	1,210	1,270	1,360
Cropland	1,510	1,590	1,660	1,780
Pasture	557	557	605	644

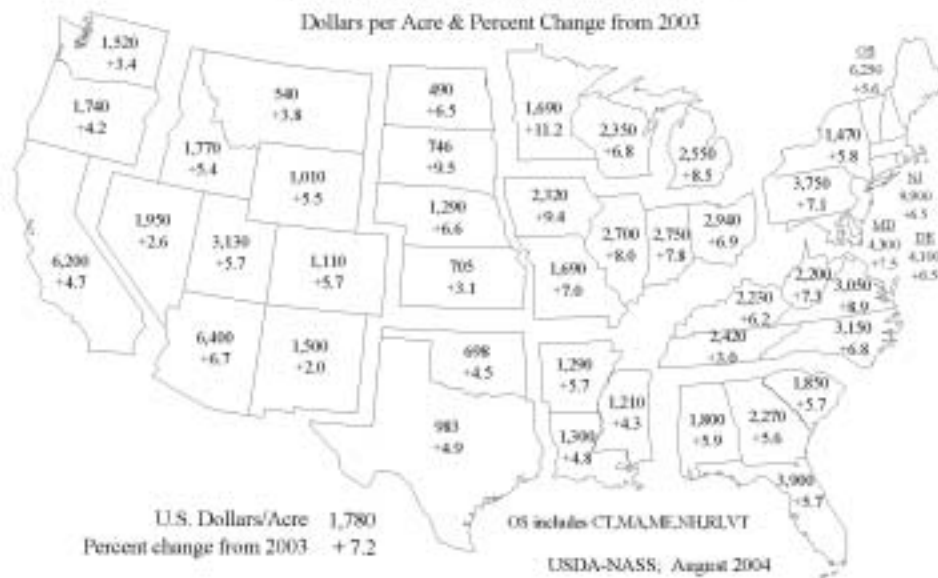
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Land Values and Cash Rents
August 2004 Summary, August 6, 2004.

**Agricultural Cash Rents: Average Cash Rent
per Acre, Nebraska and 48 States, 2001-2004**

Land Type	2001	2002	2003	2004
<i>Dollars</i>				
Nebraska				
Cropland	88.00	90.00	92.00	95.00
Irrigated	117.00	121.00	123.00	125.00
Non-irrigated	65.00	66.00	67.00	70.00
Pasture	11.30	11.20	11.50	12.00
48 States				
Cropland	71.00	71.60	73.00	76.50
Pasture	9.20	9.20	9.00	9.60

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Land Values and Cash Rents
August 2004 Summary, August 6, 2004.

2004 Cropland Value by State



2004 Cropland Cash Rent by State



**Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Farms Reporting,
Average per Farm, and Total, Northern Plains Region and United States, 2002-2003**

Expenditure - Farm Share	Northern Plains Region ¹						United States ²					
	Farms Reporting ³		Average per Farm ⁴		Total Expenditures		Farms Reporting ³		Average per Farm ⁴		Total Expenditures	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Million Dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Million Dollars</i>	
Total Farm Production Expenditures ^{5 6}	100.0	100.0	136,169	149,057	24,170	26,070	100.0	100.0	89,722	93,785	193,100	198,900
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ⁷	34.5	34.0	23,268	27,044	4,130	4,730	31.4	30.5	8,503	8,959	18,300	19,000
Feed	56.1	54.2	13,239	17,038	2,350	2,980	64.0	65.4	11,570	12,731	24,900	27,000
Farm Services ⁸	96.2	92.9	15,775	15,838	2,800	2,770	95.3	95.3	12,452	12,637	26,800	26,800
Rent ⁹	58.1	52.9	16,901	17,553	3,000	3,070	33.7	30.3	7,527	7,733	16,200	16,400
Agricultural Chemicals ¹⁰	67.6	63.5	6,704	6,861	1,190	1,200	50.6	48.2	3,857	3,961	8,300	8,400
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ¹⁰	68.3	59.3	7,662	8,176	1,360	1,430	60.9	58.1	4,461	4,715	9,600	10,000
Interest	63.7	60.4	8,113	7,204	1,440	1,260	45.6	42.0	4,879	4,385	10,500	9,300
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.7	98.3	5,915	5,832	1,050	1,020	98.3	98.8	3,160	3,206	6,800	6,800
Labor	36.3	35.9	5,690	5,832	1,010	1,020	36.2	34.3	9,990	9,996	21,500	21,200
Fuels	87.0	82.7	5,521	5,889	980	1,030	86.4	84.4	3,020	3,159	6,500	6,700
Farm Supplies & Repairs ¹¹	86.6	81.3	8,563	8,062	1,520	1,410	85.3	84.5	5,669	5,187	12,200	11,000
Farm Improvements & Construction ¹²	47.2	55.5	3,042	6,118	540	1,070	48.6	57.2	3,717	5,422	8,000	11,500
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	12.9	23.3	3,268	4,059	580	710	13.4	22.3	2,881	3,065	6,200	6,500
Other Farm Machinery	26.4	33.2	3,268	3,488	580	610	19.8	27.7	1,719	1,839	3,700	3,900
Seed & Plants ¹³	64.8	58.3	6,592	6,861	1,170	1,200	45.7	45.4	4,135	4,385	8,900	9,300
Trucks & Autos	21.6	32.5	2,479	2,916	440	510	14.9	24.2	1,951	2,122	4,200	4,500

¹ Northern Plains includes: KS, NE, ND, SD. ² Excludes AK and HI. ³ Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms. ⁴ Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. ⁵ Total includes production costs not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published. ⁶ Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ⁷ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ⁸ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary services, custom feeding, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ⁹ Includes public and private grazing fees. ¹⁰ Includes material and application costs. ¹¹ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ¹² Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings and fences and any improvements to physical structures or land. ¹³ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Production Expenditures 2003 Summary, July 2004.

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